

**RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE HUNTINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION (HCCSC) REOPENING PLANS**

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Governor Eric Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-02 declaring a state public health disaster emergency due to COVID-19 and extended the public health emergency through subsequent Executive Orders, including Executive Order 20-37 issued July 24, 2020 requiring the wearing of facial coverings in schools and in many other areas; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2021, Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 21-09, which continued the use of facial coverings, along with other COVID-19 mitigation protocols included in previous orders, in K-12 schools through the end of the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) provided guidance to schools on mitigating the spread of and exposure to COVID-19, and guidance continues to be updated to reflect the most up-to-date understanding of COVID-19 so schools can safely provide onsite learning activities; and

WHEREAS, additional and updated guidance from the Huntington County Health Department (HCHD) and Indiana Department of Health (IDH) about how schools can reopen safely continues to be communicated and distributed to school leaders; and

WHEREAS, we desire for HCCSC to move to a “mask-optional” policy starting June 1, 2021 and for the 2021-2022 school year while continuing to use practical protocols designed to mitigate the spread of and exposure to COVID-19 consistent with the guidance of the CDC, HCHD, and IDH.

WHEREAS, if masks are required, HCCSC will require universal and correct wearing of masks in accordance with the guidance from the Huntington County Health Department and Indiana Department of Health. HCCSC will continue to look to guidance from local, state, and federal health agencies regarding school safety protocols and will modify the Return to In-Person Instruction Plan.

WHEREAS, school districts are required to create and submit plans to provide onsite instruction in the Fall of 2021 in order to be eligible to receive the third distribution of appropriated Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Trustees of Huntington County Community School Corporation modifies the HCCSC Reopening Plans, originally adopted on July 20, 2020, which were reviewed by the Huntington County Health Department prior to that date, for the 2021-2022 school year. This plan will allow for the implementation of a “Mask-Optional” policy if the HCHD approves such a policy in conjunction with the guidance from the CDC.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in compliance with ESSER III requirements the Board of School Trustees of Huntington County Community Schools supports this plan starting on June 1, 2021 and the start of the 2021-22 school year as the Huntington County Department of Health also approves. The Superintendent is authorized to update the plan as needed to comply with any subsequent mandate or requirement imposed by local, state, or federal executive, agency or legislative body, and if required, have these updates reviewed by the Huntington County Health Department prior to implementation. The Superintendent is further authorized to relax and rescind aspects of the HCCSC Reopening Plan as appropriate based upon local or state conditions as determined by the Governor of Indiana, Indiana Department of Health, and/or the Huntington County Department of Health and supported guidance from the CDC. The Board of School Trustees of the Huntington County Community School Corporation also authorizes the Superintendent to utilize any additional state or federal funding provided to support implementation of the HCCSC Reopening Plan. If such funding is permitted to be used to support such a purpose and complies with related auditing policies and procedures, the Superintendent must provide a report to the Board of School Trustees of how said funds were spent.

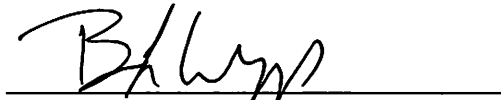
ADOPTED this 24th day of May 2021.



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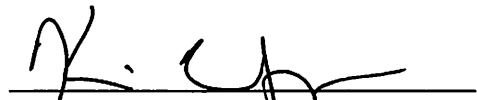
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